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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 31, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested. This reply is being filed on January 31, 2007, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.